

# GERMAN AVIATORS DO MUCH DAMAGE TO DOZEN TOWNS

Air Raiders Spread Destruction Over English, French, and Belgian Cities.

## THEN RETURN UNHARMED

Railway Station and Gas Works at Lowestoft Hit—British Steamers Bombed.

BERLIN (via London), Feb. 21.—German fliers raided half a dozen English, French, and Belgian cities yesterday, leveling scores of bombs with destructive results and returning unharmed, according to official statements made public this afternoon.

While four naval planes were bombing the railway station, the gas works, the docks, and two British steamers at Lowestoft, other German fliers attacked the Belgian towns of Furnes and Poperinghe, behind the Belgian and British lines, and the French cities of Amiens and Lunelville. The English town of Walmer was also bombed from the sky.

The main railway station and docks at Lowestoft were hit several times. German naval aeroplanes at noon yesterday attacked the British coast, said the official statement. "Bombs were hurled with good success on factories in the rear of the railroad docks and on the gas works in Lowestoft. The main station and docks in Lowestoft were hit several times. A gas meter broke down under the effect of bombs. Furthermore, two tank steamers were bombed."

"In spite of the enemy's fire and pursuit by enemy aeroplanes all the German aeroplanes returned safely."

The war office also reported no important engagements on the Western front. The first raid by Zeppelins, made unsuccessfully against the coast, conquered German positions near the coast, and southward along the coast of France.

On the eastern front, Russian attacks near Dvinsk failed.

## British Urged to Meet New Sea and Air Raids

LONDON, Feb. 21.—With Germany's new submarine campaign against all armed merchantmen but nine days distant, the London newspapers today called upon the government to take prompt steps to combat the new campaign of "triflingness."

"We are forewarned; let us see that we are forearmed," was the slogan sounded by the Observer.

Warnings were issued at the same time that another raid by Zeppelins may be expected to follow the Sunday attack by German aeroplanes on the east and southeast coast of England.

Two men and one boy were killed in the Sunday seaplane raid. All four planes escaped, although pursued by English aviators from Dover. Considerable damage was done.

The official communication says: "The first raiders, two biplanes, appeared over Lowestoft at 10:55 a. m., circled over the south side of the town for five minutes, and dropped (Continued on Third Page.)"

## Decision Thursday In Conspiracy Cases

Commissioner Anson Taylor Announces Postponement at Request of Defense.

Commissioner Anson Taylor, who was expected to give a decision today in the case of former Congressman Robert Fowler, Herman Schulze and Henry B. Martin, indicted with Congressman Frank Buchanan for conspiracy, has announced he will not hand down his decision till Thursday.

The announcement followed the application of a postponement by Henry B. Davis, counsel for Fowler, Schulze and Martin.

The government assented to the postponement.

## Mrs. Wilson Honored as Pocahontas' Descendant

As the direct descendant of Pocahontas, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson will hereafter have at her disposal a pair of real Indian moccasins.

They were presented to the President today by Mrs. Wilson by Kah-ge-gash, chief of the Mississippi Chipway Indians of Minnesota. The chief said they had been made for Mrs. Wilson by his squaw.

Kah-ge-gash also presented the President with a pair of handsome Indian pillows.

## Presbyterians to Hold Evangelistic Meetings

At the adjourned meeting of the Presbyterians of Washington city today in the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, it was decided to hold simultaneous evangelistic meetings in the churches of the District for a period of two weeks, beginning Tuesday, April 2.

The Rev. Dr. Davidson, of Falls Church, read a paper on John Calvin.

## Americans Wounded.

OTTAWA, Feb. 21.—Among the wounded reported in the Overseas casualty list were Arthur Edward Anderson, of Pierre, S. D.; Gibson Martin, of Boston, N. Y.; and Charles William Urquhart, of New Rochelle, N. Y.

# Chaloner, in Libel Suit, Describes Own Efforts As Patron of the Arts



JOHN ARMSTRONG CHALONER.

## POLICE CONFUSED IN SEARCH FOR CRONES

Letter From Washington in Anarchist's Case Is Not Believed to Be Genuine.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—A maze of conflicting clues today baffled the police in their search for Jean Crones, anarchist, wanted in Chicago for the poisoning of guests at the Mundein dinner.

Two letters, one of them from Washington, were received by Captain Tunney of the bomb squad, purporting to be from Crones. Visitors to police headquarters reported having seen the missing Chicagoan in two sections of New York. A New York newspaper office received two phone calls from a man who said he was Crones. The speaker rang off when asked to visit the office and tell his story.

The letter from Washington warned the police:

"I intend to lead you a merry chase and then blow you all to hell. I am, I want Governor Whitman, Captain Tunney, and one man in Chicago. I want you to believe Crones wrote either of the letters, but watched the districts in which his informants said they had seen Crones."

Precautions continued today to prevent Crones from destroying churches or other public buildings.

## Police Here Receive No Advices on Crones Note

Major Pullman said today that the Washington police had received no advices from New York officials concerning the letter Crones is said to have mailed from here Saturday.

The letter in question was sent to a New York newspaper. The police believe it to be the work of a crank.

## The Chicago Chased By German Raider

French Liner Ordered to Stop By Strange Craft in Bay of Biscay.

PARIS, Feb. 21.—The captain of the French liner Chicago received two wireless messages when his vessel was nearing the Bay of Biscay, warning him of the presence of "enemy corsairs." One message was from the captain of the Lafayette and the other was from the French land wireless station.

On the night of the 17th, about 1 o'clock, a vessel suddenly appeared off the Chicago's starboard bow, about three miles away. There was a heavy mist, so the outline of the vessel was indistinguishable, but she carried all lights and immediately signaled to the Chicago to leave.

The captain of the Chicago is sure it was a German raider, because the wireless warnings said the raiders were vessels disguised as neutral merchantmen carrying lights at night, but only able to do about fourteen knots.

## Man of Dozen Aliases Is Arrested as Forger

FORTLAND, Me., Feb. 21.—David Harris, of New York, with half a dozen aliases, will be arraigned before United States Commissioner William M. Bradley today following his arrest on a forgery charge.

He is held in the charge of raising postoffice money orders.

Evidence was found on Harris' person to show he had operated in Boston, Springfield, Chicago, New York, and Denver.

## Recites Story of Life in Courtroom—Given Free Scope in History.

ECLIPSED NAPOLEON OFFER

Reference to Proceedings in Lunacy Shut Off by Justice Stafford.

John Armstrong Chaloner as a patron of art and letters was described by John Armstrong Chaloner on the witness stand in Circuit Court No. 2 today, as an incident of the hearing of a suit for libel, brought by Mr. Chaloner.

The picturesque figure of the millionaire entertained a court room full of visitors as Mr. Chaloner dramatically recited the story of his life. Justice Stafford shut off all reference to the now famous lunacy proceedings.

The witness, otherwise, was given unlimited scope in telling his life history.

Mr. Chaloner made a curious picture as he sat in the witness chair, with his feet on a camp stool which Deputy Marshall Hess placed before him when he took the stand.

## Has Two Residences.

The witness said he had two residences, one in North Carolina and another for business in Cobham, Va. He described himself as a lawyer, having studied two years in Rugby, England, and afterward taken a course in arts and law at Columbia University.

After admission to the bar he spent five years abroad.

While residing in Paris he took courses at the Sorbonne and attended other schools and applied himself to the study of art, with the idea of learning to appreciate painting, sculpture, and music.

## Bettered Napoleon.

Mrs. Laura Astor Delano, William Waldorf Astor, Cornelius Vanderbilt, and William Astor joined with him in the establishment of a fund of \$5,000, most of which was contributed by Mr. Chaloner.

"We want Napoleon one better in our Paris prize," said Mr. Chaloner. "We prize winner of a year for five years. The prize of the year only received \$1,000."

Two students were sent to Paris under the American prize. These were Bryson Burroughs, who is now curator of the painting in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, and Lawton Parker, who is the first foreigner who ever won the gold medal in the Paris salon.

## Ambition As Writer.

Mr. Chaloner said that he took up the practice of law on his return to the United States in 1892, and continued as a lawyer until 1897 when he was elected to the office of clerk of the court. He then turned to writing. Questions by counsel brought out the fact that in addition to being a lawyer and a practical patron of art, Mr. Chaloner had ambitions as a writer and a dramatist. He told the court he was the author of "Chaloner on Lunacy" which is a discussion of the lunacy laws of the United States, England, France, Italy, Germany, and Austria. He is also the author of "Four Years Behind the Bars," which he says is a history of the four hundred years of the inside."

Mr. Chaloner claims authority to write of the "400" by reason of the fact that he was a member of the Ward McAllister, who first gave it that name.

He is also the author of two poetic dramas dealing with the life of Julius Caesar, and of two similar dramas dealing with the life of Saul. "These two plays," said Mr. Chaloner, "contain more of the romance of the Old Testament. I am a great believer in the beautiful poetry and historical value of the Bible, and I want to do everything in my power to make it popular and understood."

His witness also admitted being the author of the volume of satirical verse in sonnet form which he has published under the title "Scorpions."

Practically he is a farmer, with a farm of 400 acres at Cobham, Va. He said, would have caused him to lose through death from heat about one-third of his herd. Now, therefore, the art patron, historian, and poet, is rearing in strongly for the breeding of thoroughbred swine.

## Works At Night.

He explained that he works at night, having acquired that habit while in Bloomingdale. Consequently it is very difficult for him to keep awake in the day time.

The case in which Mr. Chaloner was called as witness involved the story of the shooting of John Gillard at the Chaloner place in Virginia. Gillard was a man that Chaloner had helped, who is alleged to have been a wife beater. Chaloner invited Mrs. Gillard to his place in one of the houses on the morning of March 15, 1909. Chaloner found Gillard beating Mrs. Gillard in the hearth room, he saw a struggle which followed a revolver was discharged and Gillard was killed. Chaloner is giving a Washington newspaper which published a statement that he shot Gillard.

## Brussels Burgomaster Wouldn't Take Liberty

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 21.—Burgomaster of Brussels, was offered his liberty by the Germans, but refused to accept the condition that he go to Switzerland and remain inactive, according to advices received here.

Governor General von Vissing posted placards announcing it was impossible to liberate him during the war.

# TWO BILLION WAR CREDITS ASKED BY ENGLISH PREMIER

Passage of Measure Would Raise Total Appropriation to Nearly Nine Billions.

## EXPENDITURES ARE HUGE

Belligerents Have Spent About \$40,000,000,000 Since War Began, Is Estimate.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Premier Asquith this afternoon introduced in Commons the government measure for new war credits of 2,000,000,000 pounds—slightly more than \$2,000,000,000.

The voting of these credits, the prime minister stated, will raise England's total war expenditures to 1,782,000,000 pounds, or about \$2,500,000,000.

According to official estimates, all belligerents in the European war have spent, since the beginning of hostilities, about \$40,000,000,000.

Accurate estimates from several of the belligerents are unavailable, but it is generally believed that Germany has spent about \$20,000,000,000 and France about \$7,500,000,000 since the beginning of the war. Italy's expenditures in December were estimated at more than \$20,000,000,000.

Both the Russian and Austrian war offices have generally discouraged the issuance of estimates on the amounts they have spent on the war.

In a speech on December 16, 1917, the French deputy, Jules Roche, estimated that the war has cost all the belligerents up to that time about \$28,900,000,000.

## \$3,000,000 Building On Arlington Site

Preliminary Specifications Drawn For Hotel-Office Structure For Capital.

Preliminary plans for a \$3,000,000 combination hotel and office building, to occupy the site of the old Arlington Hotel, are being prepared for the Arlington Corporation, owners of the property, by Wyatt & Nolting, Baltimore architects.

Whether such a building as is provided by the plans under preparation will be erected, however, has not yet been determined.

Oliver J. Sands, president of the American National Bank of Richmond, secretary-treasurer of the Arlington Corporation, said today that in authorizing the preparation of plans the owners simply desired to ascertain definitely the cost of such a building as they had in mind to erect.

No money has yet been raised for the project, Mr. Sands added, and no action looking to the adoption or rejection of the plans will be taken before the end of this week.

## Subcommittee O.K.'s Keating Resolution

Plan to Investigate Cost of Living in the District of Columbia Is Approved.

The Keating resolution, providing for an investigation of the cost of living in the District, was approved today by the judiciary subcommittee of the House District Committee.

The resolution will be reported to the full District Committee with recommendation that it be laid before the House.

If the District Committee reports the resolution passage by the House is probable. Nearly one hundred members recently appeared before the committee, and urged favorable action on it, claiming that in many industries in Washington men and women are underpaid.

The investigation may lead to legislation providing for a minimum wage scale in the District.

## EVERY SAFETY FIRST DEVICE IN EXPOSITION

Exhibit Opens at New National Museum—Lane Presides Tonight.

Safety devices for preserving human life and limb on land and sea, from the life-gun, primed for throwing the line to those in danger in shipwreck, to the smallest types of life-saving apparatus used in mines and elsewhere, make up the Safety First Exposition, which opened in the New National Museum today.

An exhibition is being conducted under the auspices of twenty-five Federal Government bureaus, the American Red Cross, and the Metropolitan Police Department.

Today is designated "Department of the Interior Day," and Secretary Franklin K. Lane will preside at the affair this evening at 8:30.

Illustrated lectures and moving pictures showing the activities of the department in the conservation of life and property will be shown through afternoon and evening.

Each evening this week a Cabinet member of his assistant will preside at the exposition. Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Vrooman will preside Wednesday; Secretary of Labor Wilson Thursday; Secretary of Commerce Redfield Friday, and Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo Saturday.

Each day the exposition will be open from 9 a. m. until 4:30 p. m., and from 7:30 until 11 p. m.

## American Rejoins Serbs.

ATHENS, Feb. 21.—George L. Lorillard, American Charge d'Affaires to Serbia, has gone to Corfu to rejoin the Serbian government.

# Breakon Tariff Board Threatened Between Wilson and Congress

Method of Naming Members of Proposed Commission Promises to Cause Trouble.

## PRESIDENT WANTS POWER

Congressman Barnhart Tells Him House Leaders Insist They Have This Authority.

Efforts on the part of certain Democratic members to give Congress control over the proposed Tariff Commission, promise a lively row between President Wilson and Congress.

Determined to have the naming of the members of the commission himself, the President today was advised that there was a strong movement on foot to permit him to appoint only one of the five members.

The information was taken to the President by Congressman Barnhart of Indiana, who himself is author of the substitute plan.

He told the President that he had a bill which would provide the following line-up in the commission:

One member appointed by the President, and one each to be appointed by the majority and minority of the House and Senate.

Speaker Clark and other prominent Democrats of the House, the President was told, approve this plan, and Republicans generally regard it with favor as an assertion of political bias.

The President, it is stated, refused positively to sanction such an arrangement.

Because of the grave questions growing out of the war which the proposed commission will have to handle, the President is declared to have decided that it is imperative that the appointments should be removed absolutely from politics.

He is said to have told Mr. Barnhart that he will insist on the passage of the bill, which gives it a section of the members to the President, and one each to be appointed by the majority and minority of the House and Senate.

The Indiana Congressman, while indicating that he may not personally oppose the President's declaration to have expressed to Mr. Wilson the belief that the Republicans will fight for the substitute plan and that many Democrats will support them, should the substitute go through Congress, the President indicated, he will veto it.

## Boy to Tell Of Mother's Murder

"Buddy" Ford Summoned to Appear Before Coroner's Jury This Afternoon.

Nine-year-old "Buddy" Ford has been summoned to appear before a coroner's jury this afternoon. He will be asked to tell how his father, Edward M. Ford, shot Mrs. Ella Ford, the youngest of his mother, in their apartment at the St. George Saturday night, and then attempted to kill himself. The child was in Washington when the shooting occurred, and caused a hemorrhage in the plural cavity.

Ford is conscious. He has not, however, made the slightest effort to admit his act. He told the physicians this morning that he is in "great mental distress."

Arrangements for the funeral of Mrs. Ford are being made today. Relatives, however, declared the services will be strictly private.

## CONGRESSMEN SEE CAPITAL STREETS

Commissioners Take Subcommittee on Inspection Tour.

The Commissioners, accompanied by members of the House subcommittee on District appropriations, are making an inspection today of the streets recommended for improvement in the annual estimates.

The board has included in the budget more than twice the amount appropriated by Congress for street improvement for the current fiscal year.

The amount asked for streets within the city limits is \$310,000. The current appropriation is \$110,000.

For the improvement of suburban roads the board asks \$254,000. The amount appropriated for the current year was \$118,000.

## Wants Sixty Millions For Interior Waterways

Sixty million dollars a year for ten years was proposed by Senator Newlands today for the systematic improvement of interior waterways. He urged the charges were first investigated by Mr. Breckenridge when Assistant Secretary of War, and later by Mr. Garrison.

The greatest secrecy was maintained, and it did not become known until today that the charges had been filed.

## U. S. Asks Information On Stopping of Ship

Military and naval experts are said to be alarmed over the possibility of the appointment in the future, under the authority of the executive order in question, of aliens as draftsmen in other branches of the service.

There would be nothing to prevent any foreign nation which chose to do so from instructing its agents to secure positions in the drafting rooms of other branches of the service in case such places are made eligible to foreigners.

Navy Department officials said today that they were having the greatest difficulty in filling positions in the technical staff.

The greatest shortage is in the class of ship draftsmen.



CONGRESSMAN HENRY A. BARNHART.

## NEW STOP ORDER EFFECTIVE TODAY

Fourteenth and F Street Traffic Congestion Shows Some Relief.

With the approval of the Public Utilities Commission, the suggestion of The Washington Times that cars bound for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the wharves stop on Fourteenth street on the south side of F was put into effect today by the Washington Railway and Electric Company.

The change was suggested by The Times following an investigation of traffic conditions in Fourteenth street, between H street and Pennsylvania avenue.

Congested conditions in Fourteenth street have decreased largely in the last few weeks, according to officials of the commission, and a further improvement is expected to result from the south side stop.

A report on the survey of traffic conditions covering the entire District is in preparation.

## Whitman Is Still Boosting Hughes

Laughs Over Recent Political Developments and Says People Will Support Him.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Refusing to discuss his rebuff at the hands of the Republican State convention last week, Governor Charles S. Whitman has reiterated his support of Justice Charles E. Hughes for the Republican nomination for President.

To my mind, Justice Hughes is the ideal candidate for the Republican party," said the governor, "the candidate to bring together the loose ends, and the candidate who can defeat President Wilson."

Governor Whitman only laughed when asked if he was perturbed over recent political developments in New York. He indicated, however, that he does not believe he suffered any loss of prestige with the people through the action, or rather lack of action, of the convention last week.

## FEDERAL ARCHITECT TO FACE CHARGE

George Burnap Alleged to Have Accepted Private Work.

Charges preferred against George Burnap, landscape architect in the office of public buildings and grounds since 1916, are before Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, ad interim Secretary of War.

The charges against Mr. Burnap arise from his alleged actions in accepting private landscape work while in Government employ under Col. W. W. Harts, engineer officer in charge of public buildings and grounds.

This case is one of those left over by Secretary Garrison for action by General Scott. The charges were first investigated by Mr. Breckenridge when Assistant Secretary of War, and later by Mr. Garrison.

The greatest secrecy was maintained, and it did not become known until today that the charges had been filed.

# FEAR OF SPIES HALTED EXAMS OF DRAFTSMEN

Call for Workers in Naval Service Exposed Vital Defense Plans.

## ALIENS ARE NOW BARRED

Experts See Danger Still in Existing Order Permitting Alien Appointment.

Carefully guarded secrets of United States submarine and battleship construction might have become the property of foreign governments had not original requirements of a civil service examination scheduled for next month been canceled.

Details of the examination, which would have thrown open to foreign powers the secrets of such construction by the employment of alien draftsmen in the Navy Department, became known today.

The original circulars prescribing the requirements for the examination have been withdrawn. These circulars contained the following language:

"Persons who are not citizens of the United States will be admitted to this examination upon filing applications showing them to be otherwise eligible."

The examinations were to have been held in this city, in each of the States, Hawaii, and Porto Rico. The date was set for March 15 and 16.

Furthermore, it was pointed out in the commission's announcement of February 5, that difficulty had been experienced in securing a sufficient number of eligibles, and that "the opportunity for appointment . . . is excellent."

It became known today that the orders to the Civil Service Commission to omit the clause admitting aliens to the naval service came direct from the President. Secretary of the Navy Daniels talked the matter over with President Wilson, and the Secretary then notified the commission.

The Civil Service Commission has announced a new examination to which aliens will not be admitted. The new circulars are being distributed to all men who are citizens of the United States and who meet the requirements.

Applications are to be rated on physical ability, education, training, and experience only. So great is the demand for eligibles that the commission urges qualifying persons enter the competition. Each paper is graded separately to expedite appointment.

The commission's original announcement stated that "from the register of eligibles certification will be made to fill a vacancy in this position in the machinery division of the United States navy yard, New York, at \$3,640 per diem, and vacancies as they may occur in positions requiring similar qualifications in any United States navy yard or naval establishment or in the department of Washington."

The commission states that there are fifty existing vacancies in the Bureau of Steam Engineering in this city and at the navy yards at New York and Mare Island. It is said to be practically impossible to secure American draftsmen at the present rates of pay.

## An Executive Order.

The commission based its original action in admitting aliens to the examination upon an executive order issued on June 15, 1906, reading in part as follows:

"It is ordered that hereafter when an examination has been duly announced to fill vacancies in positions in any branch of the service and there is a lack of eligibles who are American citizens, the commission may, if it deems it advisable and for the best interest of the service, accept applications from persons who are not American citizens, provided that, if found eligible, they shall not be certified for appointment so long as persons are eligible who are American citizens."

Naval experts are pointing out that of all persons a draftsman comes into most direct contact, and has a most intimate knowledge of the designs of battleships and submarines, their armament and equipment. Astonishment is expressed that the commission should have taken steps which, experts assert, would have thrown open to any foreign government the plans of American naval construction.

Experts assert that a more glance at a plan by an experienced draftsman is sufficient for him to form a concrete idea of the general arrangement of the structure.

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